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SUBJECT: REACTION TO BRITISH VOTE TO STAY IN EC

1. THE OBVIOUS REACTIONS IN BRUSSELS TO THE OUTCOME OF THE REFERENDUM HAVE BEEN:

A) SATISFACTION THAT BRITAIN HAS CLEARLY AND FINALLY CHOSEN "A EUROPE ACTING TOGETHER."

B) REDEDICATION TO THE "GOALS" OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION.

C) DETERMINATION TO GET EUROPE MOVING AGAIN, -- NOW THAT THE UNDERTAINTY (OR EXCUSE) OF BRITAIN'S POSITION HAS BEEN REMOVED.

2. IN PRESIDENT ORTOLI'S WORDS, AFTER EXPRESSING THE COMMISSION'S DELIGHT WITH THE RESULT: "WE MUST NOW LOOK TO THE FUTURE.

TODAY REPRESENTS A NEW POINT OF DEPARTURE. A WHOLE PEOPLE HAS JUST DEMONSTRATED ITS CONFIDENCE IN EUROPE. WE MUST NOT

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DISAPPOINT THEM."

3. LESS RHETORICAL REACTIONS REFLECT RUDE REALITIES:

A) PERSISTING DIFFERENCES AMONG THE NINE IN RATES OF INFLATION AND LEVELS OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY CONTINUE TO MAKE ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION A SOMEWHAT DISTANT GOAL.

B) A "UNITED" LABOR GOVERNMENT MAY PLAY A MORE EFFECTIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN THE EC, BUT THE UK IS UNLIKELY TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP IN MOVING RAPIDLY TOWARD COMMUNITY POLICIES IN SENSITIVE FIELDS LIKE ENERGY, INDUSTRY AND ECONOMIC/MONETARY UNION.

C) THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT MAY GET A BOOST FROM THE LABOR PARTY FILLING ITS EMPTY CHAIRS AT STRASBOURG AND HMG MAY REMOVE ITS BLOCK ON DIRECT ELECTIONS, BUT THE PRESENT LABOR GOVERNMENT DOESN'T SEEM TO HAVE A EUROPEAN VOCATION WHICH WOULD PUT IT OUT IN FRONT IN GRANTING NEW POWERS TO THE PARLIAMENT OR TO THE COMMISSION.

D) FOR EUROPANS (WITH A CAPITAL E), THE NEXT TEST OF THE FUTURE OF EUROPE WILL BE THE OUTCOME OF THE EUROPEAN UNION EXERCISE NEXT FALL AND WINTER (ON BASIS OF TINDEMANS', COMMISSION AND PARLIAMENT REPORTS). THEY HOPE THAT SIGNS OF WHERE EUROPE IS GOING WILL EMERGE AT THE JULY 16-17 EUROPEAN SUPR-COUNCIL SESSION.

4. MISSION JUDGMENT ON MID-TERM PROSPECTS FOR THE EC (AS WELL AS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR US POLICY) IS UNCHANGED FROM ANNUAL ASSESSMENT (EC BRUSSELS 2911). BARRING DRASTIC EXTERNAL OR INTERNAL EVENTS:

A) PROGRESS TOWARD ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION WILL CONTINUE AT SLOW PACE.

B) COMMON TRADE AND AGRICULTURAL POLICIES AS HARD CORE OF EC WILL BE CONSOLIDATD AND PERHAPS IMPROVED.

C) COMMUNITY POLICIES IN NON-ROME TREATY AREAS (E.G. ENERGY, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, INDUSTRY, ENVIRONMENT) LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WILL DEVELOP SLOWLY.

D) COMMON POLICY RE THIRD WORLD WILL CONTINUE TO EVOLV RELATIVELY RAPIDLY UNDER PRESSURE OF EVENTS IN THE ENERGY/COMMODITIES FIELD AND CONCERN ABOUT THE MEDITERRANEAN.

E) "POLITICAL COOPERATION" ON FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES WILL INCREASE.

F) BUT INTERNAL EUROPEAN POLITICAL INTEGRATION WILL MOVE  
SLOWLY. ON PRESENT POWER AND LEADERSHIP CONFIGURATION,  
GISCARD -- WITH GERMAN SUPPORT -- APPEARS TO BE ONLY  
POSSIBILITY FOR SPEEDING UP THE EUROPEAN INTEGRATION PROCESS.  
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